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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJECT: THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ARUSHA

REF: STATE 88995

1. EMBASSY DELIGHTED TO LEARN MRS. VANCE WILL ACCOMPANY SECRETARY.
MRS. EDITH SPAIN WILL ACCOMPANY AMBASSADOR SPAIN TO ARUSHA AND
LOOKS FORWARD TO JOINING MRS. VANCE ON VISIT TO GAME PARK. A
CONTROL OFFICER ALSO WILL ACCOMPANY.

2. THERE ARE SEVERAL CHOICES FOR GAME PARK VISITS FROM ARUSHA.

A. ARUSHA NATIONAL PARK. SHORT DISTANCE FROM ARUSHA AND
VERY SUITABLE FOR AN ALL-DAY OR HALF-DAY VISIT. PARK IS
LARGELY FOREST AROUND BASE OF MOUNT MERU AND INCLUDES MOMELLA
LAKES AND NGURDODO CRATER. RICH VARIETY OF WILD GAME TO BE SEEN.
WE WOULD RECOMMEND THIS FOR SATURDAY 15 APRIL.

B. IF FURTHER SAFARI DESIRED ON SUNDAY, POSSIBLE TO VISIT
LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK (ABOUT 2-HOUR DRIVE FROM ARUSHA)
WHICH IS ATTRACTIVE, WOODED PARK AT EDGE OF RIFT VALLEY FLOOR.
IT IS EXCELLENT FOR BIRDS, HIPPO, ELEPHANT, BUFFALO, GIRAFFE,
AND SEVERAL ANTELOPE SPECIES. FURTHER AWAY IS NGORONGORO CRATEREBA
(ABOUT 4-HOUR DRIVE FROM ARUSHA) WHICH IS HUNDRED SQUARE-
MILE CALDERA FEATURING PREDATORS (ESPECIALLY LIONS, HYENAS),
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WILDEBEEST, RHINO, ZEBRA, ELAND AND GAZELLES. WILDLIFE
PARTICULARLY ABUNDANT. BOTH PARKS COULD BE VISITED SAME DAY BY
CHARTER AIRCRAFT FROM ARUSHA. ALTERNATIVELY, PARTY COULD DRIVE
AND OVERNIGHT ON SATURDAY. STRETCH OF ROAD BETWEEN LIKE
MANYARA AND NGORONGORO IS UNCOMFORTABLE, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE
OF RECENT HEAVY RAINS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE MRS. VANCE'S PREFERENCE. WE ARE WORKING ON SCHEDULE FOR REST OF HER STAY IN TANZANIA. ARUSHA CAN BE CHILLY AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, ESPECIALLY IN THE EVENINGS FOR- WHICH MRS. VANCE WOULD WANT AT LEAST A LIGHT SWEATER.
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